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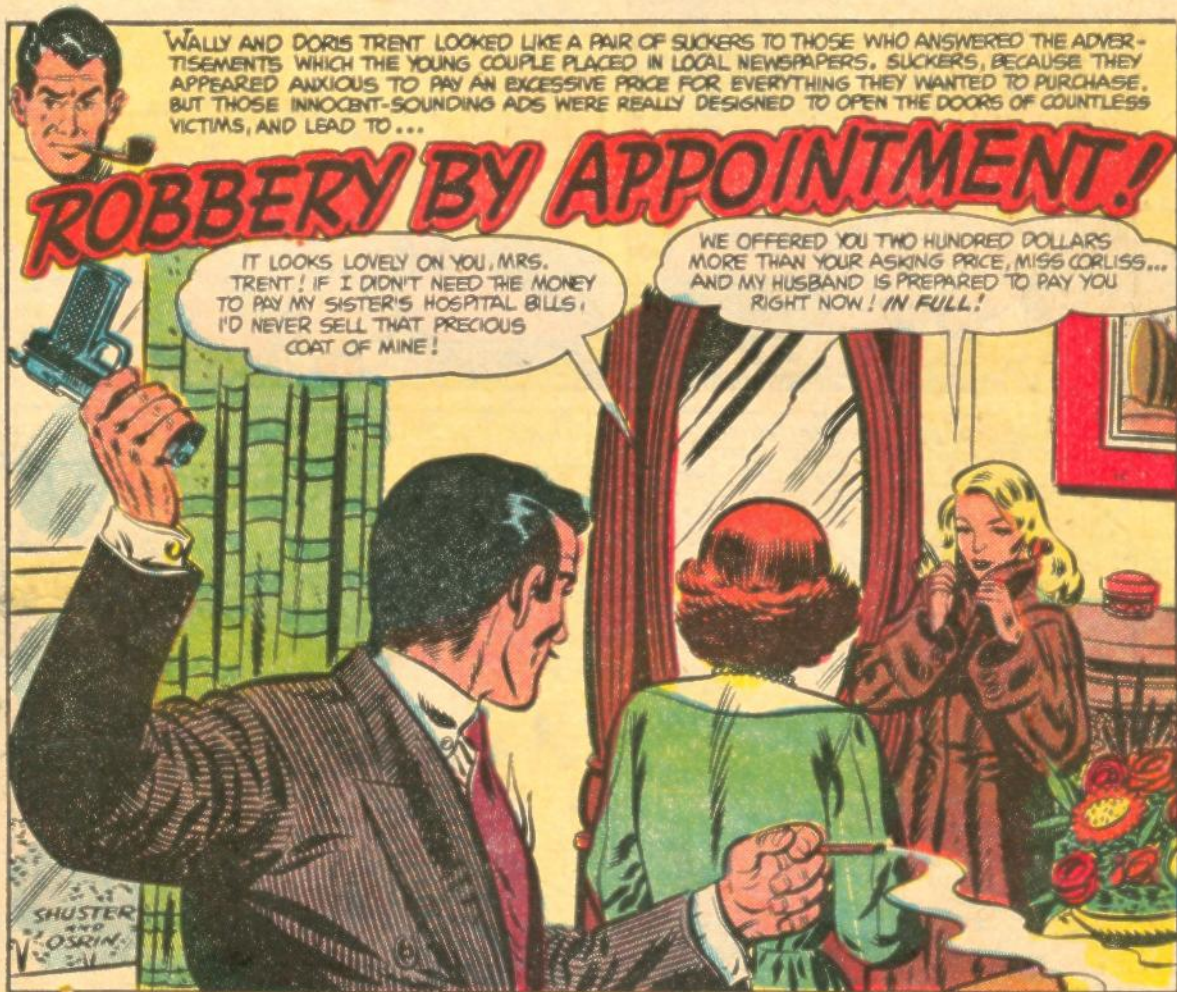
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GOT THE AD FINISHED, BABY. WE'LL RUN IT IN TOMORROW'S BLADE, IN THE WANT-AD SECTION. YOU WANT ME TO READ IT TO YOU?

GIVE IT HERE, WALLY. I SPELL OUT TO MYSELF A LOT BETTER'N I LISTEN.

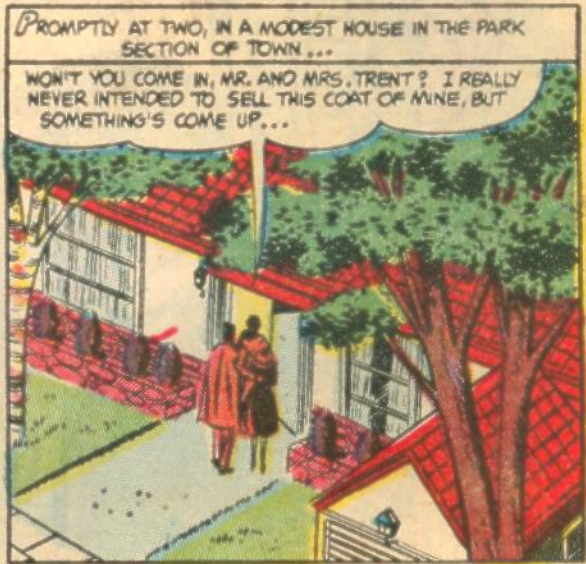
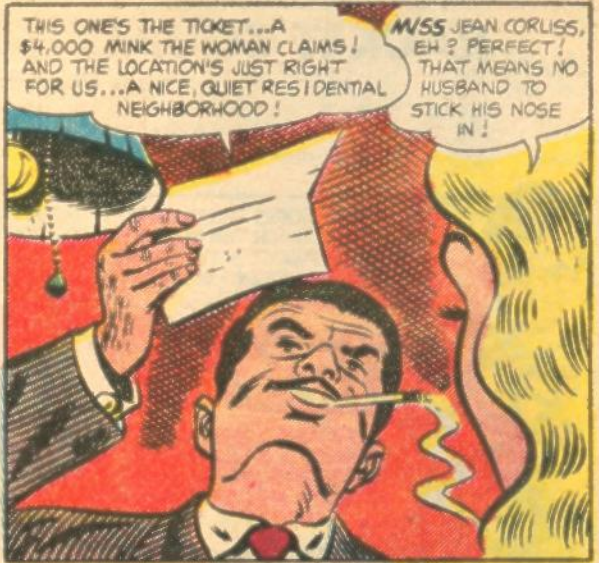


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THAT'S THE TICKET, WALLY! IT OUGHTA BRING PLENTY OF ANSWERS! C'MON... LET'S RUN IT DOWN TO THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE RIGHT AWAY!

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THE ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED IN NEXT DAYS PAPER, SEEMINGLY BURIED IN THE CLASSIFIED SECTION, BUT IT BROUGHT RESPONSES...



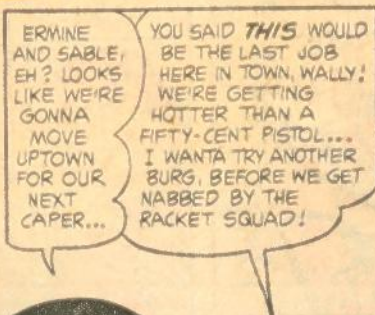
THE TRENTS WERE CAUTIOUS...AND CLEVER. THEY ADMIRER MISS CORLISS' HOME, AND WERE INVITED TO LOOK IT OVER. THEN, WHEN IT WAS APPARENT THAT NO ONE ELSE WAS IN THE HOUSE...



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AN HOUR LATER, IN THE DINGY OFFICES OF A NOTORIOUS "FENCE"...



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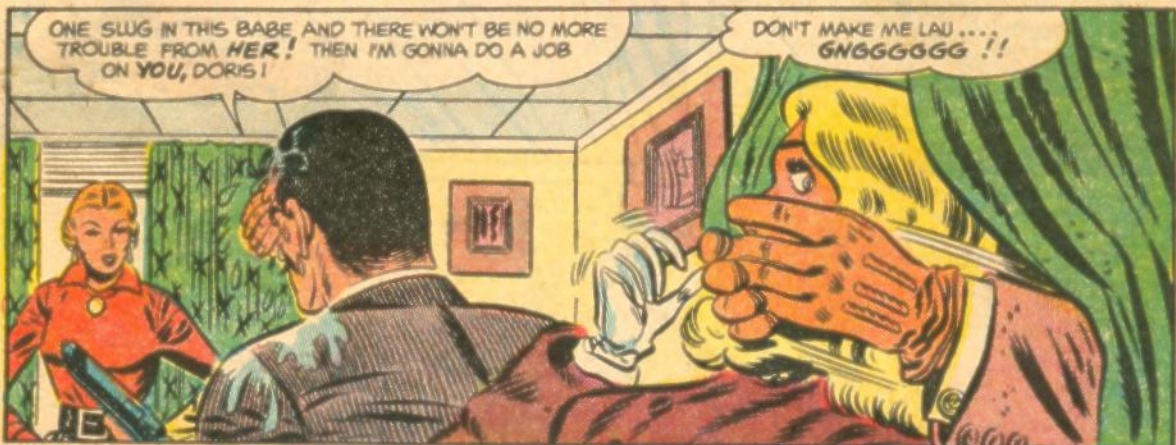
LATER THAT DAY, IN MY OFFICE AT RACKET SQUAD HEAD-QUARTERS...



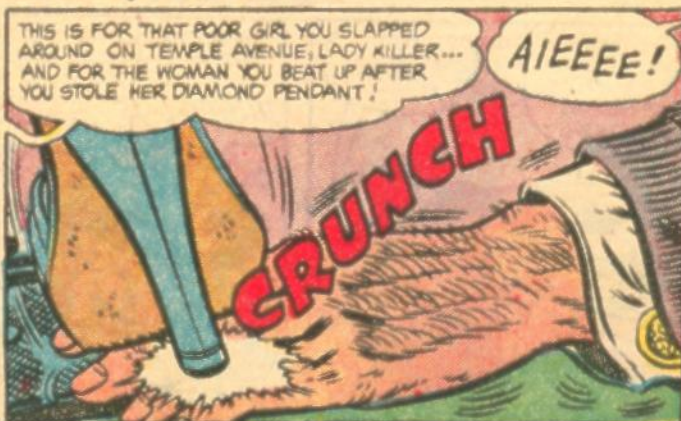
DORIS WAS RELUCTANT TO CONTINUE THEIR OPERATION, BUT WALLY TRENT "HAD A WAY WITH WOMEN" THAT AFTERNOON...



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GRISLY TORTURE AND DEATH FOR LOVED ONES STRANDED BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN...THAT WAS THE SHOCKING THREAT WHICH ANTON KRIM HELD OVER THE HEADS OF THOSE HE HAD CHOSEN FOR...

THE RANSOM SWINDLE!



KAREL JAROMIR WAS FLUNG BACKWARDS VIOLENTLY...THE DOOR OF HIS NEW YORK APARTMENT WAS SLAMMED SHUT, THEN...

YOUR COUSIN, VAJTA JANYK, IS BEING HELD PRISONER IN ONE OF OUR DETENTION CAMPS...BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN! YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS, MR. JAROMIR?

Y-VAJTA...A PRISONER?
B-BUT...JUST LAST WEEK, HE WAS FREE...



AT THIS MOMENT HE'S IN A CELL...IN CARCEK PRISON! IF YOU WANT YOUR COUSIN TO STAY ALIVE, YOU'D BETTER TAKE

OUT AN INSURANCE POLICY ON HIS LIFE!

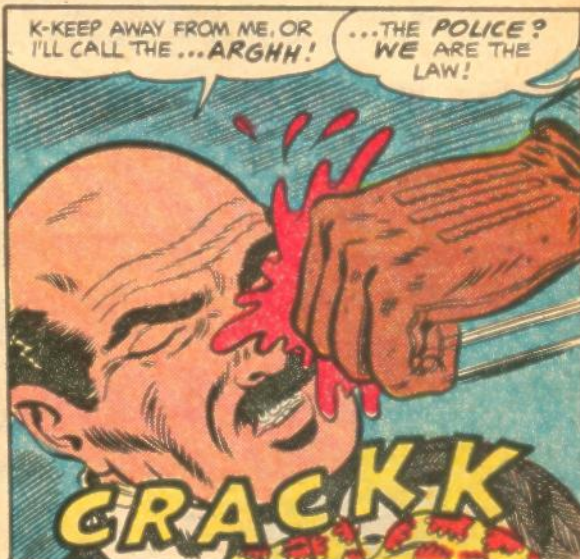
I-INSURANCE POLICY? I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND...



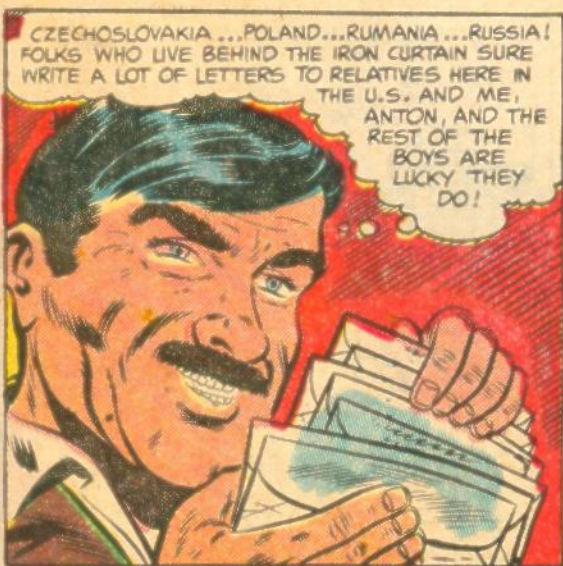
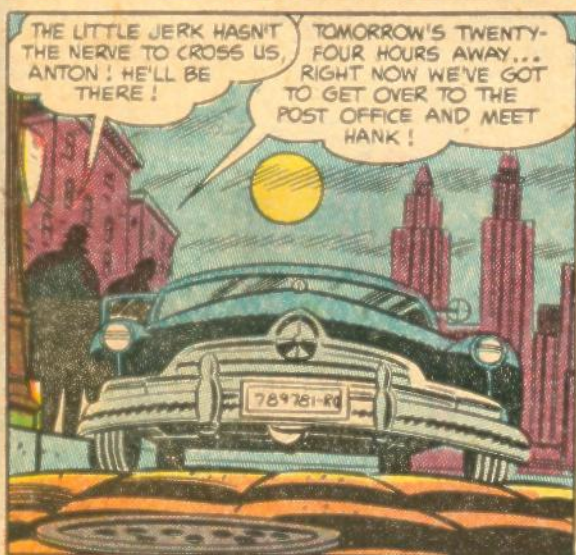
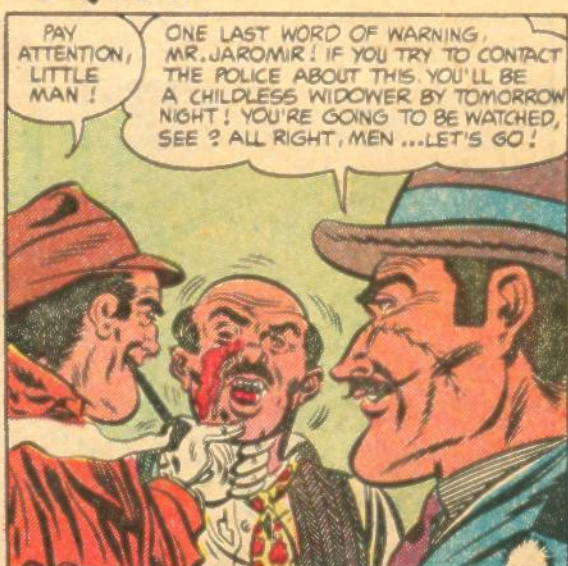
AS SECRET REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT, I HAVE COME TO WARN YOU THAT VAJTA JANYK WILL BE TORTURED AND KILLED UNLESS YOU PAY FOR A POLICY ON HIS LIFE. HE SURVIVES ONLY SO LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO PAY THE PREMIUMS...



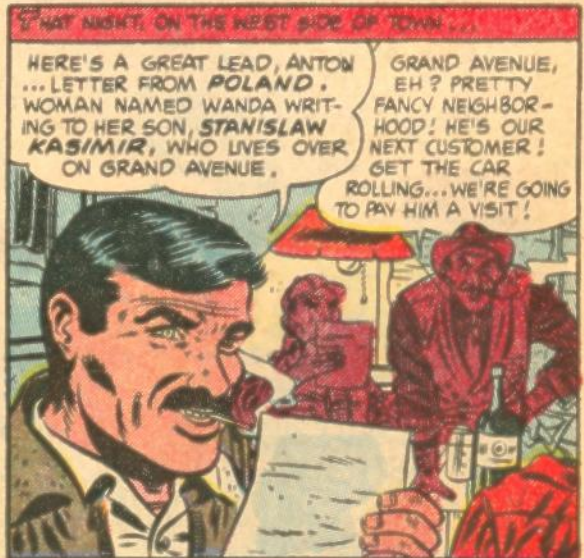
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FROM THE SAFETY OF A HOSPITAL, STANISLAW KASIMIR SPOKE TO INSPECTOR O'MALLEY, THE FOLLOWING NIGHT.

H-HERE THEY COME! I...I HOPE THE LAW ISN'T TOO FAR AWAY!

HOP IN, KASIMIR... HURRY!



STEP ON IT, BINGO! DRIVE TO THE...WATCH OUT! THAT JERK FIXING A FLAT IN FRONT OF US!

I OUGHTA DRIVE RIGHT OVER 'IM! IMAGINE A NUMBSKULL STANDING OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD LIKE THAT!



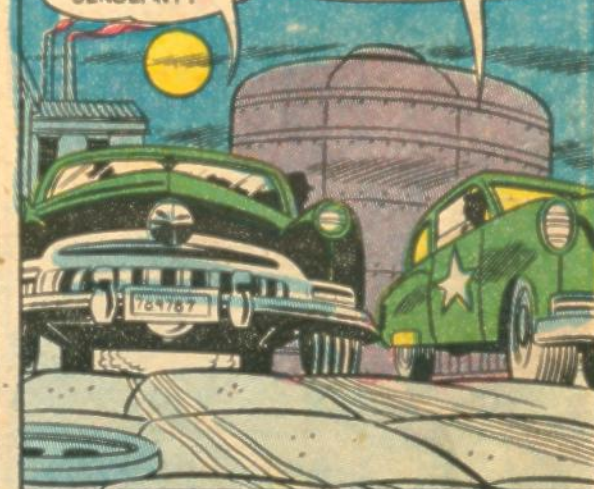
EVERYTHING'S SET, INSPECTOR! THEIR CAR ROLLED RIGHT OVER THAT PILE OF LUMINOUS POWDER I DUMPED IN THE ROAD! WE'LL BE ABLE TO TRAIL 'EM ANYPLACE!

BEFORE WE START CONGRATULATING OURSELVES, STEVE... ..LET'S GET MOVING!



LET'S TAKE OFF AFTER THEM, SERGEANT!

THE BUGGY'S WAITING, INSPECTOR! HOP IN!



PULLING DESPERATELY THROUGH CITY STREETS, INSPECTOR O'MALLEY AND HIS ASSISTANT, STEVE PRYOR, FOLLOWED THE BRIGHT TRAIL LEFT BY ANTON KRIM'S TIRES...

PULL UP, SARGE! LOOKS LIKE THIS IS THE END OF THE TRAIL!

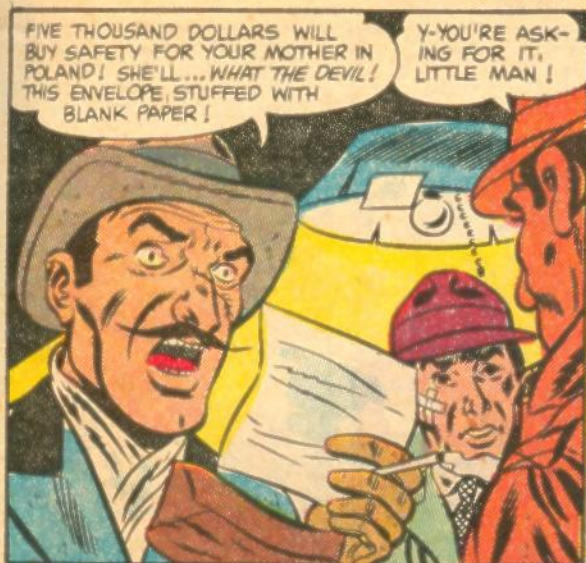


A MOMENT LATER, INSIDE THE DINGY SHACK ON THE OLD PIER...

THE BOYS TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR ACCIDENT YESTERDAY, KASIMIR...I HOPE FOR YOUR SAKE IT WASN'T JUST A DODGE TO BLAB TO THE LAW! THE DOUGH BETTER BE IN HERE...THE SUPREME PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT CAN GET ANWFUR NASTY WHEN IT'S DOUBLE-CROSSED!



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ALL THAT GLITTERS
IS NOT GOLD.....
SOMETIMES IT'S
THE GLEAM IN THE
EYE OF AN
INGENIOUS.....

REFUND ARTIST!

I AGREE IT'S A
BEAUTIFUL SET, BUT
MY WIFE AND I
JUST CAN'T USE IT.
I'D LIKE TO GET A
CASH REFUND,
PLEASE...

OF COURSE,
SIR, IT'LL TAKE
SEVERAL
MINUTES!

THAT'S RIGHT, INSPECTOR...I'M
SURE IT'S THE SAME MAN
WHO HAS RETURNED A NUMBER
OF SILVER ITEMS TO HANFORDS
DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS!
Y-YES, I SUPPOSE I **CAN**
DETAIN HIM UNTIL YOUR MAN
GETS HERE TO OBSERVE HIM...



AS SOON AS I HUNG UP, I BRIEFED MY ASSISTANT,
STEVE PRYOR...

...AND THE SALESGAL CLAIMS
HE'S BEEN BRINGING A RAFT OF STUFF BACK FOR
REFUND! CLAIMS THEY'RE ALL GIFTS, PURCHASED
AT HANFORDS' DEPARTMENT STORE...



I GET THE PITCH, INSPECTOR.
I'LL GIVE 'IM THE LOOK-SEE
AND KEEP MY PEEPERS
ON HIM.

RIGHT, STEVE.
COMPLETE
SURVEILLANCE...
RESIDENCE, PLACE
OF WORK...



STEVE STUCK LIKE ADHESIVE TO THE SUSPECT ALL
THAT NIGHT. THE FOLLOWING MORNING MY BEST
OPERATIVE WAS IN FOR QUITE A SURPRISE...

5-50 **THIS** IS WHERE THE REFUND ARTIST WORKS,
EH? MIGHTY INTERESTING... ALL THE STUFF HE
RETURNED WAS MADE BY THE UNION SILVER COMPANY!



STEVE CALLED IN HIS STARTLING NEWS AND, THAT SAME
AFTERNOON, A NEW EMPLOYEE WAS ADDED TO THE
FIRM'S SHIPPING STAFF...

YOU'LL WORK HERE, MARY, RIGHT NEXT TO MR.
CORNELL... HE'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO HANDLE
OUR MAIL DELIVERIES.



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THIS CORNELL BOY SEEMS NICE ENOUGH... I SORT OF HOPE THE CHIEF AND STEVE ARE ALL WRONG ABOUT HIM. SO FAR HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS...



W-WHY... HE'S TAMPERING WITH THAT PACKAGE! I-I DON'T SEE WHAT HE STANDS TO GAIN BY **THAT**, BUT I BETTER CALL THE INSPECTOR RIGHT AWAY AND ALERT HIM!



STEVE CONTINUED TO KEEP A WATCH ON BARRY CORNELL. THE FOLLOWING EVENING, AFTER WORK...

IT'S BEEN DELIVERED! COME TO PAPA, YOU PACKAGE OF REDEEMABLE SILVER!



OKAY, MR. CORNELL... WE'LL RELIEVE YOU OF THAT PACKAGE! I DON'T BELIEVE IT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR YOU!

W-WHAT TH...? THE NEW GAL... A **SPY**!



Y-YOU HAVEN'T GOT ANY REASON TO BE DOGGING **MY** FOOTSTEPS! CLEAR OUT BEFORE I YELL FOR THE COPS...

WE **ARE** THE LAW, MISTER! WATCH OUT, MARY... LET STEVE TAKE OVER!



HOW ABOUT SITTING THIS DANCE OUT, BUSTER?

UGHH!

WHACK!



S-SO **THAT'S** HOW HE GOT HOLD OF THE STUFF, INSPECTOR! THAT LABEL I SAW HIM PASTING OVER THE LEGITIMATE ONE... IT WAS ADDRESSED TO HIM!

A CLEVER METHOD FOR GETTING THE SILVER OUT OF THE FACTORY, WITHOUT AROUSING SUSPICIONS! BUT THAT ALERT SALESGIRL REALIZED CORNELL HAD GOTTEN HIS **STERLING** BY **STEALING**!

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MR. BARRY CORNELL
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THE KEYS TO DEATH

The man sitting behind the luxurious desk was probably in his early forties. He was still handsome, and his jet black hair blended well with his gray eyes. But soft living had taken a toll from the man who had once been a famous football star. For now, Dixon Brager was considered one of the country's leading industrialists. There were worried looks on his face as he read the company's latest report. For he alone knew that in six weeks his company would be bankrupt and he would be penniless. The door to his office opened, and his secretary, Helen Helft, entered.

"That man simply refuses to leave," she told her employer. "He says that it is very vital you see him. He gave me this envelope, and there is a message in it."

Slightly annoyed, Dixon Brager took the envelope and opened it. From it he saw fall on his desk ten one-thousand-dollar bills. There was a short note that read: "You can have a million dollars. Please see me."

Helen Helft had strict orders not to bother her employer while he was in conference with this strange man. The man had a dark black beard and wore thick eyeglasses. He sat in a comfortable chair and spoke in short curt sentences.

"I will come right to the point, Mr. Brager. You will be broke shortly. I can show you how to have at least half a million for yourself for

the rest of your life — and in cold cash, without any risk to yourself. Interested?"

What else could a man say who saw the spectre of being broke staring him right in the eyes?

"Yes," came from the lips of Dixon Brager.

"I have investigated you very carefully," said the stranger. "You carry a total of one-million dollars in life insurance — and with a double indemnity clause. You can have an automobile accident and be declared dead. Actually, I will substitute another body for yours. Then you can go to South America, buy yourself a plantation and live a life of ease and comfort."

"I'm not saying I am interested," said Dixon Brager. "In fact I should call the police. But tell me just how this can be staged so that we could get away with it."

"I could give you a list of satisfied clients," explained the stranger, "but then I would be betraying confidences. You will have to tell your wife about it. She signs notes to my order and to your order. These will be legal claims. The notes to your order will be made out to Juan Pergoso, your new identity. If you so desire, she can join you in South America and remarry you. A plastic operation on your face will change you completely — or you can grow a beard. Once I remove my beard, who can identify me? Clever, eh?"

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It was a warm summer evening, and Dixon and his beautiful wife, Elaine, were dining on the porch of their summer home. The husband waited until the table had been cleared and the servants were out of the range of hearing what he had to say. Slowly he began his story.

"Had a very peculiar incident at the office. Seems utterly crazy." And then in detail he told her the proposition. She wasn't a bit shocked. She lit a cigarette and blew some smoke into the air before replying.

"Why kid yourself, darling?" she challenged. "I am an expensive creature. In richness I bloom. In poverty I would wither. Go ahead with this plan. Of course I will join you in South America after I collect from the insurance companies."

The next afternoon, Elaine Brager drove her car to the south side of the town. She went into the hall of a small apartment building and found the name "Louis Tocmore" on a bell, which she rang three times. There was an answer. She walked into the hall, and a door opened. She entered a small two-room apartment.

"It certainly worked," complimented Elaine Brager. "He fell for it, hook, line and sinker. The entire plan is without a flaw, and you can believe me that I have examined it critically from every angle. Your share will be two-hundred-thousand dollars, and I will sign your notes. What I like about you is that this is strictly business. You must have once been an actor to disguise yourself with that beard."

Louis Tocmore laughed. He had found a wonderful racket that was netting him a fortune. Just one case a year, and he had enough money to live like a playboy.

"Everything is ready. I hope you look charming in widow's clothing. I have a date with your husband tomorrow evening. He has been drinking, which is excellent for my plan. Be certain you are with friends and have a perfect alibi when questioned by the police."

Dixon Brager was so nervous and upset that he couldn't drive.

"I'm dizzy," he complained. "You take the wheel. You are sure we will meet the man you are going to substitute for me?"

He didn't even wait for an answer. He closed his eyes, and the man with the beard shoved him over. Then Louis Tocmore took the wheel. He wore gloves on his hands so there would be no other finger prints but those of Dixon Brager. He drove the car five miles to the top of a cliff. Then he stopped. He took a small thick handkerchief from his pocket and held it over the mouth and nose of the drunken man. There was no struggle. When he was certain life had left the body, he got out of the car. Then he closed the door and released

the brake. The car rolled downhill for a few feet, and then over the cliff it went. Louis Tocmore walked to the other side of the road, where a sedan was parked.

"Now remember your story," he told the young man and girl parked in the car. "I am leaving for St. Louis. Join me there after the inquest and keep an eye on Mrs. Brager."

The tragic death of Dixon Brager made the headlines. There had been the necessary legal inquest. Frank Morton and Hannah Popper testified at the hearing. They had been parked in their car on the side of the road, making plans for their forthcoming marriage. They saw the car go downhill and then over the side of the cliff.

"This will cost the insurance companies plenty of dough," wailed Ben Fishel of the Insurance Underwriters Research. "And yet what can we do? The body was definitely identified as that of Dixon Brager. His widow has a perfect alibi. That couple testified about what they saw. We're licked, and yet I've got a funny feeling it was a put-up job."

"I agree with you perfectly," said Captain Nicholas Ridgely of Homicide. "In fact I know it was murder. My men are shadowing Frank Morton and Hannah Popper day and night. We can't get a thing on them. I have a tap on Mrs. Brager's phone, and nothing incriminating. So, I am going to try something drastic tomorrow evening. Come with me."

Elaine Brager was tired as she opened the door of her home. The servants were off for the day. She walked into the living room and almost fainted. For there, seated on a chair, was her husband! He just looked at her and said nothing.

"You're alive," she muttered. "It can't be... how did it happen... I identified you..."

In a low voice, the spectre or ghost began to speak.

"You double-crossed me. Tell me exactly what you did or I'll strangle you to death."

Elaine Brager called a number. She started to speak, but the line went dead. For, in an upper room of the garage, Captain Ridgely had a recorder take down everything that had been said. He cut the phone wire so Mrs. Brager couldn't continue speaking, but he knew the number.

"Making that rubber mask of the face of Dixon Brager did the trick," he said to the insurance man. "Now we'll get the master mind behind this and see that they are all punished."

Frank Morton and Hannah Popper talked to save their skins. They would at least not receive a death sentence. But the jury brought in verdicts of first degree murder for Louis Tocmore and Elaine Brager.

The End

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WHEN PROSPERITY HITS A NATION, HOPES, DREAMS, AND PLANS FOR FUTURE RETIREMENT RISE IN AN EVER-INCREASING SPIRAL. AND KEEPING PACE WITH GOOD TIMES ARE THE INVESTMENT CONFIDENCE MEN AND CROOKS WHO MILK HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OUT OF THEIR HARD-EARNED SAVINGS BY PROMISES, ELABORATE SCHEMES OF "GETTING-RICH-QUICK". ONE SUCH CASE THAT BROUGHT THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION TO THIS MENACE WAS A CASE I CALL---

THE STOCK MARKET SWINDLERS

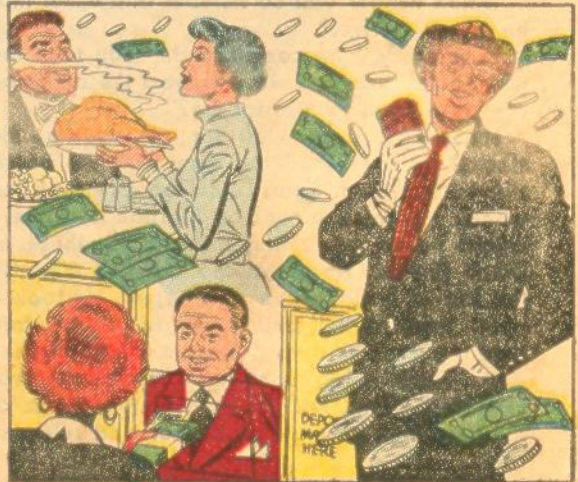
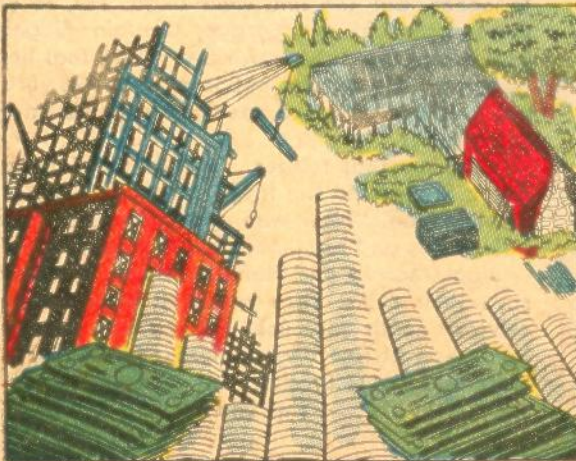
LET GO, SHAMUS!
LET GO OR I'LL MAKE
YOU INTO A SIEVE!
PUFF...PUFF...

YOUR SWINDLING DAYS ARE OVER, PEARSON! YOU'RE
...NOT...GOING...ANYWHERE!



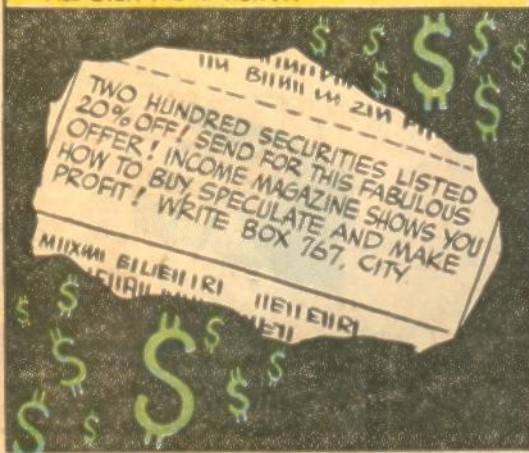
DEPRESSION IS A MENACE---BUT INFLATION IS WORSE! FOR THE NATIONAL ECONOMY SUFFERS IN A WAVE OF INCREASED PRICES AND FALSE SECURITY, BUT WHEN PROSPERITY ACTUALLY COMES, SO DO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND CONSTRUCTIVE ENTERPRISE...

BANKS GET INCREASED SAVINGS. BUSINESS FIRMS EXPAND WITH LIGHTNING RAPIDITY---AND PEOPLE BEGIN TO ENJOY A HIGHER STANDARD-OF-LIVING THAT COMES WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY...



RACKET SQUAD

GREAT NEWSPAPERS BEGIN ADVERTISING OFFERS OF INVESTMENT "MIRACLES" AND "GET-RICH-QUICK" SCHEMES. DOZENS OF DISPLAY ADS APPEAR IN FINANCIAL SECTIONS OF PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS ALL OVER THE NATION...



EAGER YOUNG COUPLES, ANXIOUS TO PLAN A SECURE FUTURE, ARE TAKEN IN BY THE INVITING PROMISES OF SUCH ADS... MOST OFFERS ARE BONA FIDE, BUT A FEW ARE NOT! THESE FEW MULLET THE PUBLIC OF **MILLIONS** EACH YEAR! ANNA AND JOE CRANE WERE TYPICAL INVESTORS...



SO THEY CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED IN THE AD. A DISTINGUISHED- SOUNDING VOICE ANSWERS---AND THE VICTIM IS ---**HOOKED!**



SO ON TUESDAY AT 3:00 PM, JOE AND ANNA CRANE ARRIVE AT THE BUSY-LOOKING INVESTMENT OFFICE. THEY ARE USHERED INSIDE BY A PRETTY SECRETARY...



MR. ALPHONSE PEARSON---A HEAVY-SET, JOVIAL-LOOKING MAN --DRESSED IN EXPENSIVE BANKER'S TWEED, STEPS OUT--- SHAKES THEIR HANDS WARMLY AND BEGINS HIS SPIEL. THIRTY MINUTES LATER, THE VICTIMS SIGN THEIR CHECK INSIDE HIS OFFICE...



MONTHS PASS BY---AND NO WORD IS RECEIVED. THEN, ONE NIGHT, THE VICTIMS BEGIN TO SUSPECT SOMETHING IS WRONG...



RACKET SQUAD

EARLY THAT NEXT MORNING, JOE CRANE PHONES PEARSON...

I'M VERY SORRY, MR. CRANE--BUT YOUR SECURITIES HAVE HAD A TURN FOR THE WORST. WE HELD THEM UNTIL THE LAST!

WHAAAT-T? BUT YOU TOLD US YOU'D CALL--OR LET US KNOW!



BUT PEARSON'S ACTIVITIES WERE BONA-FIDE---UP TO A POINT. NEITHER STOCKBROKER NOR INVESTOR COULD TOUCH HIM FOR THE PROMISES HE MADE, AND THE SUCKER MONEY CONTINUED POURING IN ...

THEY CAN'T JAIL ME FOR PROMISES. IF THEY WANT TO GIVE ME THEIR MONEY, I WON'T STOP THEM!



I'VE GOT EVEN A BETTER SCHEME! THE GOVERNMENT TAKES A BIG BITE OUT OF STOCK DIVIDENDS. WHY NOT REPRESENT MYSELF AS A STOCK-TAX COUNSELOR? WHO'LL KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?



SO THEODORE H. PEARSON WASTED NO TIME ...

TAKE THIS DOWN, MAISIE... "WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREBY AGREE TO REPRESENT THE PUBLIC AS A TAX COUNSELOR ON STOCK ISSUES. YOUR RETURNS ARE SAFE WITH US! SEND US YOUR TAX CHECKS AND WE WILL SAVE YOU MONEY!" GET THAT PRINTED!



GULLIBLE PEOPLE SENT PEARSON THEIR CHECKS THEY NORMALLY PAID THE GOVERNMENT ON THEIR TAX RETURNS. PEARSON POCKETED THE MONEY---AND MOVED HIS FIRM...

INTERNAL REVENUE AGENTS BEGAN TO CRACK DOWN ON PEOPLE NOT ENCLOSING THEIR INCOME TAX. ONE SUCH COUPLE WERE THE VICTIMS OF PEARSON ...

HURRY! CLEAR OUT! WE DON'T WANT TO BE HERE WHEN THE SUCKERS GET WISE!



BUT I THOUGHT MR. PEARSON HANDLED MY CHECK. HE SAID THAT HE COULD SAVE ME MONEY ON MY STOCK DIVIDENDS!

THIS PEARSON IS A SWINDLER. NO CHECK HAS BEEN RECEIVED. WHEN WILL YOU PEOPLE LEARN THAT INCOME TAX CHECKS HAVE TO BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE BUREAU?



RACKET SQUAD

WHEN, WHEN CASES PILE UP, GRIM REVENUE AUTHORITIES CALL DAN CRANDALL OF THE RACKET SQUAD...



HERE'S ONE FOR YOU, DAN! CHECK ON A THEODORE H. PEARSON, THE USUAL STOCK-CON GAME.

OKAY, BILL. I'LL CONTACT YOU WHEN I HAVE SOMETHING.

THE STAFF OF THE RACKET SQUAD GETS BUSY...



HERE'S AN AD THAT PROMISES 100% RETURNS ON ALL INVESTMENTS MADE WITHIN NINETY DAYS!

OKAY--CHECK THAT WHILE I CHECK THESE OTHERS!

AND DAN CRANDALL, DISGUISED AS A GULLIBLE INVESTOR, SOON FINDS HIS MAN!



COME IN, SIR! MR. PEARSON HAS BEEN EXPECTING YOU!

THEODORE H. PEARSON--LOOKING MORE PROSPEROUS, IMPORTANT, AND JOULIER THAN EVER, GOES INTO HIS USUAL SPIEL...



SO YOU SEE, MR. ADAMS, MY ORGANIZATION HAS ACCESS TO ALL THE LATEST FIGURES AND MARKET TRENDS OF ANY STOCK YOU MAY DESIRE! WE GUARANTEE YOU SAFE PROFITS!

THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL!



OF COURSE WE DEMAND THE USUAL COMMISSION RATES! YOUR CHECK WILL BE QUITE GOOD ENOUGH!

ALL RIGHT! I'LL SIGN ONE RIGHT NOW!



HERE! I'VE MADE OUT A CHECK FOR TWO THOUSAND! WILL THAT BE ENOUGH? AND YOU'LL KEEP ME INFORMED ON HOW MY INVESTMENT IS DOING?

REST ASSURED! YOU HAVE MY PERSONAL PROMISE!

RACKET SQUAD



SECONDS LATER, INSIDE THE LARGE SEWER VIADUCT HEADING INTO THE DEPTHS OF THE CITY...



RACKET SQUAD



JUST A FEW MORE FEET AND I'LL BE RIGHT OVER THEIR HEADS!



LOOK! UP THERE!



TOO LATE TO GET AWAY, PEARSON! YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE!



YOU ROTTEN SHAMUS, I'LL --

YOU WON'T DO ANYTHING, SWINDLER!



NO --- WAIT! I'VE MADE MONEY ON STOCK DEALS! I'LL ... GIVE YOU ... EVERYTHING ... TO FORGET ABOUT IT!

NO DEAL, PEARSON! KNOWING CROOKS LIKE YOU ARE BEHIND BARS IS PAYMENT ENOUGH!



WE CAUGHT THE REST OF THE VERMIN, DAN!

GOOD! I'VE GOT THE CHIEF WORM HIMSELF! TAKE THEM AWAY!



AND LATER, IN HEADQUARTERS ...

THINK BEFORE YOU INVEST! DON'T BE FOOLED BY FLOWERY PHRASES AND IMPORTANT SOUNDING TITLES. ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE STOCK EXCHANGE DIRECT ABOUT A BROKER'S STANDING. REMEMBER -- CROOKS GET RICH ON **YOUR** GULLIBILITY! AND ABOVE ALL --- REMEMBER THIS -- **YOU CAN'T EVER GET SOMETHING FOR NOTHING!**

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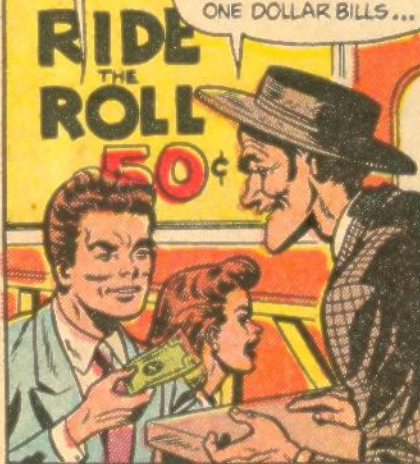
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WHEN YOU PAY
WITH LARGE BILLS
MAKE SURE YOU'RE
NOT FLEECED
BY A...

FAST COUNT

TWO PLEASE...
AND HURRY!

A **TEN** SPOT, EH?
HOPE YOU DON'T
MIND GETTING
YOUR CHANGE IN
ONE DOLLAR BILLS...



NO, NO... I'LL
TAKE 9 SINGLES!
STEP ON IT,
WILL YOU?

WANTA MAKE
SURE YOU GET
ALL THE CHANGE
THAT'S COMING
TO YOU, FELLER.
LET'S SEE...
1-2-3-4-5...



...6-7-8...

AND 9! OKAY, MISTER...
IT'S ALL THERE! I
COUNTED IT MYSELF!



HURRY, FREDDIE... COUNT
YOUR CHANGE AFTER WE
GET ON THE RIDE!

DON'T HAVE TO, BABY...
THE POLICE ALWAYS
SUGGEST YOU CHECK ON
THESE CARNIVAL GUYS,
AND I WATCHED **THIS**
ONE WITH MY OWN
EYES!



YOUNG FREDDIE WATCHED WITH HIS OWN EYES, AS HE
SAID, BUT THERE WAS A LOT HE DIDN'T **SEE!** THE
CHANGE HE RECEIVED LOOKED LIKE NINE DOLLAR-
BILLS...



...BUT THIS IS WHAT HE **REALLY** RECEIVED... 6
DOLLAR-BILLS, 3 OF THEM FOLDED **DOUBLE** SO
THAT THEIR ENDS WERE COUNTED TWICE! A CARNEY
TICKET SELLER'S HANDS YOU SEE, ARE OFTEN
QUICKER THAN **YOUR EYES!**

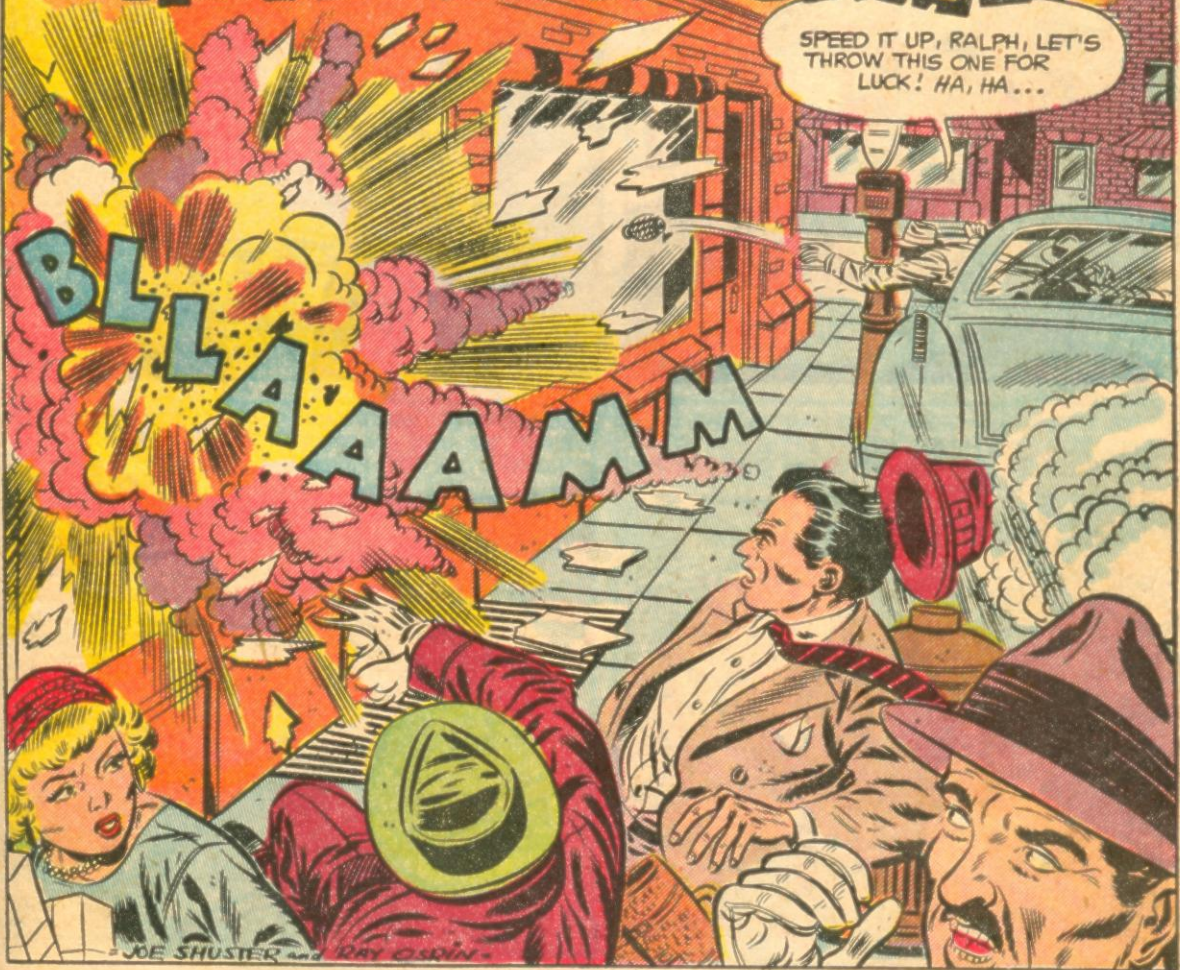


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"EVIL NEVER DIES, STATES AN OLD SAYING. AND CROOKS NEVER STOP THINKING UP WAYS TO MAKE A DISHONEST BUCK. RACKETEERS COME AND GO, BUT STILL THE SAME FOOLISH NOTIONS REMAIN THAT CRIME PAYS. TONY CARLSON WAS NO DIFFERENT IN HIS THINKING. TO HIM, EXTORTION WAS THE OLD---

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GOOD NIGHT, MRS. SIMMONS! PLEASE COME AGAIN! THANK YOU!

SAY HELLO TO YOUR WIFE, MR. THOMAS. I'LL DROP IN NEXT WEEK!



NOW WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, GENTLEMEN?

YOU GIVE US FIVE HUNDRED BUCKS!



RACKET SQUAD



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JUST TWO DAYS LATER, THE TWO RACKET BOYS WERE PICKED UP AND BROUGHT DOWN TO HEADQUARTERS. THEIR PROTESTS FILLED THE RIOT-ROOM, LOUD AND LONG..



BUT WILLIAM THOMAS WAS NOT HOME--NOR IN HIS STORE. WILLIAM THOMAS WAS IN THE HOSPITAL-- SUFFERING FROM---



SO TONY AND RALPH WENT FREE--THE FRIGHTENED WITNESS REFUSING TO TESTIFY AGAINST THEM. NOW THEY BECAME EVEN MORE ARROGANT AND CONTEMPTUOUS OF THE LAW. LATE AT NIGHT, ROARING DOWN THE STREET...



RACKET SQUAD

ON TIME, TONY AND RALPH WERE KNOWN FROM NEIGHBORHOOD TO NEIGHBORHOOD. THE POLICE WERE POWERLESS TO NAB THEM SINCE NO ONE DARED TESTIFY. BUT NOW THE DANGEROUS DUO HAD OVER-EXTENDED THEMSELVES. IN A SMALL STORE ONE AFTERNOON ...



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WHEN YOU ANSWER AN AD THAT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, YOU MAY BE FALLING FOR A RACKET THAT'S....

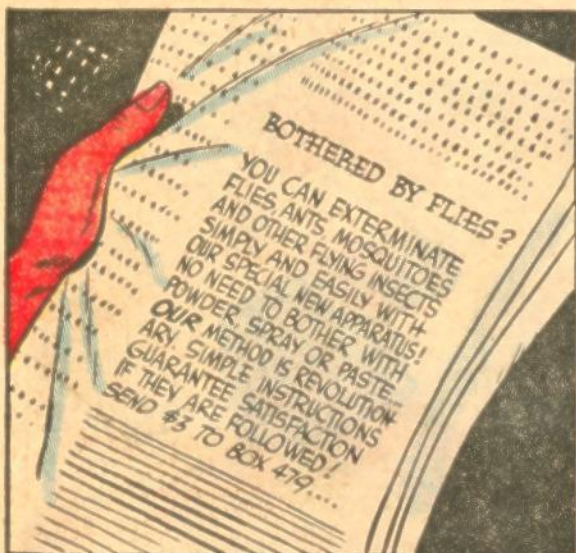
FLY-BY-NIGHT!

THESE DRATTED FLIES ...THEY'RE DRIVING ME NUTS! I'D GIVE TEN DOLLARS TO FIND OUT HOW TO GET RID OF 'EM!

I SAW AN AD IN TODAY'S PAPER THAT MIGHT HELP... IF THESE LI'L BUZZARDS LEAVE ME ALONE LONG ENOUGH TO FIND IT!

HERE, AL...IT'S GUARANTEED TO WORK, AND IT COSTS ONLY \$3!

LET'S SEE IT, BEFORE I FLIP MY LID!



GIMME THAT PAPER, ETHEL! I'M SENDING FOR THIS STUFF RIGHT AWAY! PEACE OF MIND IS CHEAP AT THIS PRICE!



SEVERAL DAYS LATER, THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED PARCEL ARRIVED AND WAS HASTILY OPENED...

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE, AL...

W-WHY...IT'S NOTHING BUT A TINY Mallet AND BLOCK! AND A SHEET OF INSTRUCTIONS!



L-LISTEN TO THE INSTRUCTIONS, AL! "CATCH THE BOTHERSOME INSECT," IT SAYS, "THEN LAY IT ON THE BLOCK AND HIT IT HARD WITH THE Mallet. THIS IS GUARANTEED TO EXTERMINATE THE PEST!"

I-I OUGHTTA PUT MY HEAD ON THE BLOCK, FOR FALLING FOR A SWINDLE LIKE THIS!



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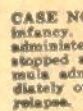
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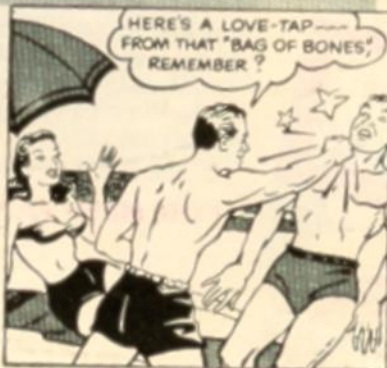
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